

**Early Hearing Detection (EHD) Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
Tuesday/January 17, 2017
Appoquinimink State Service Center, Dover, DE 19901
Large Conference Room**

Meeting Minutes

Participants: Rosanne Griff-Cabelli, Kathleen Riley, Jenny Walko, Shanda Brashears, Laurie Kettle-Rivera, Cindy Farrell, Pamela Robinson, Amy Powell, Kathryn Tullis, Dr. Duran, Dr. Bartoshesky, Isabel Rivera-Green.

Conference Call Participants: Cindy Brown, Nancy O'yerly,

Absent: Angie Miller

Current Board Members:

Dr. Bartoshesky

Dr. Carlos Duran

Cynthia Farrell

Rosanne Griff-Cabelli

Angela (Angie) Miller

Nancy O'yerly

Amy Powell

Kathleen Riley

Dr. Pamela Robinson

Dr. Kathryn Tullis

<p>Introductions and Approval of minutes for 11/15/2016.</p>	<p>All members introduced themselves and approved the November 15, 2016 EHDI Advisory Board Meeting Minutes.</p>
<p>a. Dr. Carlos Duran presented on Cytomegalovirus (CMV)</p>	<p>a. Dr. Duran stated that approximately 20 to 25% of children have Cytomegalovirus (CMV). There are some states that are testing for CMV through the testing of the urine. Cheek swab testing is just as good as the urinalyses testing; however, it is not FDA approved. Christiana Care Health System (CCHS) has moved forward with CMV testing.</p> <p>Dr. Bartoshesky asked, “Is the cost to test infants for CMV bundled into part of the Newborn cost?” Dr. Duran stated he did not know if it is bundled into the Newborn cost. Handouts regarding CMV were provided.</p> <p>Shanda shared that she has experienced some infants with CMV fail hearing but end up passing hearing later when they are rescreened. Kathleen (Kathy) Riley shared that the children which have been identified as having CMV, should be retested. Cindy Brown stated that she is working on reenergizing hearing and vision screens. Rosanne shared that she will follow up with Medicaid on the billing process of screening infants for hearing. Kathryn (Kate) shared that Early Head Start should be doing hearing screenings on their students. School Nurses begin to do hearing screenings when the students are 5 years old. Kathy Riley shared that the school nurses are feeling burdened due to lack of nurses. Also, some nurses would benefit from training because some have performed hearing test with the student having their hearing aid on. Cindy Brown shared her experience in Maine was that the special Education Teachers were trained to do the hearing screenings. Also, Home Visiting Nurses were trained. Cindy shared that she and Nancy Smith from CDW as well as Linda Wolfe will begin to work together on addressing early intervention services from the school setting.</p> <p>Dr. Duran shared that if a child is at high risk to hearing loss, they should be rescreened at 24 to 36 months of age.</p>

- b. Presentation by: Rebecca Ryan, and Beth Finamore from Listening and Spoken Language (LSL)**
- c. Data**

- b. Beth shared that Listening and Spoken Language (LSL) is open to everyone. Beth works with children to transition them into a typical classroom. The LSL program chose Christiana School District because there was opportunity for inclusion. LSL is located in Christiana School District and they provide transportation in the New Castle County area only. The program provides home visits with families to bridge the home and school together. They work with the student on social interaction, skills on working with the students on quiet settings and typical settings to encourage inclusive setting in kindergarten. Parents are viewed as partners. Beth shared that she has experience of working with children from birth to 3 years of age. She currently has 7 students in her classroom. Recently she started to implement Birth to 3 years of age services. Currently she is the only one providing the LSL Services. She shared that the 619 Coordinator for the Christiana School District shares all the options that LSL Program has to offer so that the parents are making informed decisions.

Rosanne Griff-Cabelli shared that Child Development Watch (CDW) works toward educating the school district on the services available. It is important to educate the school districts. Cindy Brown shared that she is working on the birth mandate to enhance the services available. The District Field Agents are: Jennette Short (Kent/Sussex) and Fiona Vivar (New Castle).

Beth and the advisory board members all agreed that families should be making an informed choice and families should feel supported. Everyone agreed that changing the historical culture of “Us-vs-Them” needs to go away. We need to present a unified approach, parents have a choice.

Amy Powell asked, “how can we move forward on tracking the follow up of the children that are diagnosed and are receiving services through LSL, CDW, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Statewide Services.” Kate explained that the EHD Advisory Board follows a child up until the child receives a diagnosis for hearing loss. Once the child is diagnosed then the child is referred to CDW. The Newborn Screening EHDI Program refers the child to Child Development Watch (CDW) and they follow the child with the services the child needs.

It was recommended that a subcommittee be developed which would be separate from the EHD

	<p>Advisory Board. Cindy Brown, Beth Finamore, Jenny Walko, Amy Powell and Rosanne Griff-Roselli all showed an interest in being part of this subcommittee. Isabel agreed to send out the email and the subcommittee will determine the follow up coordination of a meeting or conference call regarding the approach the subcommittee will take on following up with children diagnosed with hearing loss.</p> <p>c. Isabel shared data on Hearing Screening for January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 of all the Birthing Centers in the state of Delaware. This data did not include AI DuPont Hospital NICU because it is not a birthing center. The data only included the birthing centers in Delaware.</p> <p>Total Births: 11390 Total Passing: 11119 Lost to Follow-up: 19 Refused Screening: 10 Diagnosed: 11 IN PROCESS: 132 OTHER: 75 (mostly born out of state or moved out of state before follow-up completed)</p> <p>(A handout was provided)</p>
New Business	<p>Rosanne will follow up with those that are interested in forming a Sub-committee. Isabel will send out the email and it will be coordinated by one of the sub-committee members. Rosanne, Amy, or Cindy.</p>
Next Meeting Scheduled:	<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday/March 21, 2017 at 8:30am to 10:30am</p> <p>Location: Thomas Collins Bldg., 540 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE. 19901. The meeting will be held in the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services' (Large Conference room).</p> <p>Conference call lines for the meeting will be: Call in: 1-877-366-0711 Passcode: 99820077</p>

